

Health News Release

For immediate release: May 9, 2012 (12-052)

Contact: Media inquiries: <u>Kate Lynch</u>, Communications Office 360-236-4072 Public inquiries: Health Systems Customer Service 360-236-4700

State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certification of nursing assistant **Dennis A. Merritt** (NC60168638) for failing to comply with an agreement to file timely reports and urine testing for substance abuse.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certification of nursing assistant **Dulce Ibarra** (NC60014795). She failed to set a door alarm at the adult family home where she worked, resulting in a resident wandering from the home. She also failed to monitor the pulse of another resident and withheld medication. She also mixed up medications for two residents who both took medications intended for the other resident.

Clallam County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Sandra Leilani Dalton** (RN00057746) because she is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Her credential expired in 2010 but is eligible for renewal. She is currently undergoing treatment for brain cancer and is at risk for seizures, memory loss, and speech problems. She

Disciplinary actions May 9, 2012 Page 2

may petition to reinstate her credential with proof from a medical provider about her safety to practice as a registered nurse.

In April 2012 dentist **Barry J. Suta** (DE00004264) surrendered his license to the Dental Commission. He may not practice as a dentist in Washington. In February 2011 Suta was convicted of two counts of felony assault.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sandra Lee Richards** (NA00104713) for failing to comply with an order that she enroll and participate in the Washington Health Professional Services program for substance abuse.

Cowlitz County

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Tanya K. Hendrickson** (RN00098177) for at least two years for substance abuse, diverting controlled substances for her personal use, and abusing a patient by failing to assess that a hospice patient was not getting pain medication. Her credential expired in February but was eligible for late renewal.

King County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Danniele M. Crenshaw** (LP00050577) for multiple criminal convictions and substance abuse. She may reapply with evidence of being clean and sober for at least 24 consecutive months.

In April 2012 the Medical Commission permanently revoked the license of physician **Michael E. Mockovak** (MD00040602). Mockovac's license was summarily suspended in January 2010. His Washington license expired in April 2010. Mockovak surrendered his license to practice as a physician in Oregon. In 2011 he was found guilty of solicitation to commit murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit theft, and attempted theft. He is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence.

Kittitas County

In April 2012 the Medical Commission permanently revoked the license of physician **Sawraj Singh** (MC00024891). The Commission found that Singh, a dermatologist, performed unnecessary procedures on multiple patients from 2007 through 2008. He was also prescribed controlled substances for patients who did not require them.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program and Respiratory Care Practitioner Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered nursing assistant and respiratory care practitioner **Ty H. Buchanan** (NA00178419, RESP.LR00000161). Buchanan violated a prior probation order by failing to submit to random drug testing.

Pierce County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended credentials of nursing assistant **Chantile C. Sager** (NA00198674, NC60038006) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

Disciplinary actions May 9, 2012 Page 3

In April 2012 the Chiropractic Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of chiropractor **Danny D. Baldwin** (CH00003681). Baldwin placed newspaper ads claiming a "cold laser technology" would reduce body fat. He also billed patients for future care and failed to refund patients for care not provided.

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Lakita L. Anthony Coleman** (LP00052265). Coleman's Washington credential was summarily suspended in August 2011 based on the revocation of her Texas credential in June 2011.

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Dustin William Doerflinger** (CO60166504) for failing to comply with an agreement to enroll and participate in substance abuse monitoring.

In April 2012 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Kim M. Shipman** (DEAS.D1.60087419). Shipman was convicted of two counts of theft in the third degree in October 2011.

Snohomish County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Elaine B. Fast** (LP00034908) for failing to comply with a prior agreement for substance abuse monitoring. Fast's credential is currently expired. She may reapply with evidence of being clean and sober for at least 24 consecutive months.

Spokane County

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of **Annette M. Knoll** (00094378). Knoll's credential was summarily suspended in February because of a suspension of her Idaho nursing license. She may not ask for reinstatement of her license until she complies with the Idaho order.

In April 2012 the Chiropractic Commission suspended the credential of chiropractor **Michael Allen Baker** (CH00001832) for four years for failing to comply with a prior agreed order, fraudulent billing practices, and practicing on an expired license.

Thurston County

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Mary C. Kelly-Walsh** (LP0034956) for failing to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program as required by a prior agreement. She may reapply with evidence of being clean and sober for at least 24 consecutive months.0

Walla Walla County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the certification of nursing assistant **Elizabeth A. Shelton** (NC10088885) for three years. She was convicted of obtaining controlled substances by fraud in 2010.

Disciplinary actions May 9, 2012 Page 4

Out of State

California: In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the certification of nursing assistant **Corey Stephen Swinburne** (NC60197808). In September 2011 Swinburne was directed to seek a substance abuse evaluation and enter a treatment program if recommended by the Washington Health Professional Services. In January 2012 he withdrew from the program.

California: In April 2012 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Joni Denise Love** (RN60143010). Love surrendered her California credential in December 2011. She was charged with using alcohol while practicing nursing and while on probation with the California Board of Registered Nursing.

California: In April 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse Mariya L. Morris (RN00157532). She is also known as Mariya Vadimovna Lim, Mariya Vadinovna Lim, and Marya Lim. Lim's Washington license was summarily suspended following the revocation of her California nursing license.

Illinois: In April 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of **Paulette M. Bell** (RN00167637). Bell's Washington credential was summarily suspended in March following the suspension of her Nevada nursing license.

Minnesota: In April 2012 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Ronald I. Mogaka** (RN60196154). Mogaka's credential expired in October 2011 but was eligible for late renewal. In January 2012 his credential to practice as a registered nursed and licensed practical nurse in Minnesota were suspended by the Minnesota nursing board.

Oregon: In March 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of health care assistant **Ronda Susan Rose** (HC60108767) for four years due to a felony conviction for 3rd degree assault, and a misdemeanor conviction for aiming and discharging firearms, dangerous weapons.

Texas: In April 2012 dentist **Robert P. Parks** (DE00004389) surrendered his license to the Dental Commission. He may not practice as a dentist in Washington.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.